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Our leading farmers who are conservation minded, encourage the secretary and department to simplify surface water protection.

For an almost instantaneous improvement in water quality, these farmers encourage the marriage of Loan Deficiency Payments and subsidized crop insurance with CRP filter strips.

These farmers suggest that acceptance of LDP dollars and subsidized crop insurance should require enrollment of land adjacent to open water courses into the CRP filter strip program.

This responsible action should reduce by over 50% the sedimentation of surface water courses.

We thank you for considering this option

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